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UPLAND GAME BIRD REGULATIONS FOR 1979

SAGE GROUSE

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described counties shall be open to the hunting of sage grouse for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset for the limits and on the dates shown for each county. Sunrise-sunset times shall be in conformance with the sunrise-sunset schedule by zones adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

September 8 through September 30, 1979	Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Meagher, Park, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, and those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying east of the Continental Divide.
September 8 through October 21, 1979	Beaverhead and Madison counties.
September 8 through November 25, 1979	Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, that portion of Chouteau County north and east of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Fergus, Golden Valley, Hill, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Valley, Wheatland, and Yellowstone counties.
September 22 through October 14, 1979	Carter, Fallon, Powder River, and those portions of Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, Prairie, Dawson, and Wibaux counties lying south of Interstate Highway 94.
September 22 through December 2, 1979	Garfield, McCone, and those portions of Treasure, Rosebud, and Custer counties lying north of Interstate Highway 94.
Falconry Only Season September 1 through March 31, 1980	Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, that portion of Chouteau County north and east of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Custer, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone, and those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying east of the Continental Divide and those portions of Prairie, Dawson, and Wibaux counties lying south of Interstate Highway 94.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures and National Parks. For hunting privileges on Indian Reservations, inquire at the local Indian Agency Headquarters.

Limit: The daily limit shall be three (3) sage grouse per person and the possession limit shall be six (6) after the first day of the season. EXCEPTION: In Beaverhead and Madison counties the daily limit shall be four (4) sage grouse per person and the possession limit shall be eight (8) per person after the first day of the season.

Falconers hunting during the falconry only season shall be allowed two (2) sage grouse daily per hunter; possession limit shall be four (4).

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana Residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. In addition to other license requirements, falconers hunting grouse must possess a valid Montana falconer's license.

Means of Taking: Sage grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow, or with raptor by licensed falconer. All other means of taking prohibited. Field-dressed grouse must have one wing attached for identification and aging.

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SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described counties shall be open to the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset on the dates shown for each county. Sunrise-sunset times shall be in conformance with the sunrise-sunset schedule by zones adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

September 8 through September 30, 1979

Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, that portion of Chouteau County lying south and west of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Gallatin, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark*, Madison, Meagher, Park, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, and Teton** counties and those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying east of the Continental Divide.

Limit: The daily limit for sharp-tailed grouse shall be three (3) per person. Possession limit, six (6) after the first day of the season.

* The Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis & Clark County will be open to sharp-tailed grouse hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season and then it will be closed to all hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

** A portion of Teton County in the Freezout Game Management Area will be open to sharp-tailed grouse hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season and then it will be closed to all hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

September 8 through November 25, 1979

Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, that portion of Chouteau County lying north and east of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Daniels, Fergus, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Liberty, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, and Yellowstone counties.

Limit: The daily limit for sharp-tailed grouse shall be four (4) per person. Possession limit, eight (8) after the first day of the season.

September 22 through December 2, 1979

Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Treasure, and Wibaux counties.

Limit: The daily limit for sharp-tailed grouse shall be four (4) per person. Possession limit, eight (8) after the first day of the season.

Falconry Only Season September 1 through March 31, 1980

Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark*, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton**, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux and Yellowstone, and portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying east of the Continental Divide.

Limit: The daily limit for sharp-tailed grouse shall be two (2) per person; possession limit shall be four (4).

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures and National Parks. For hunting privileges on Indian Reservations, inquire at the local Indian Agency Headquarters.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana Residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. In addition to other license requirements, falconers hunting sharp-tailed grouse must possess a valid Montana falconer's license.

Means of Taking: Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow, or with raptor by licensed falconer. All other means of taking prohibited. Field-dressed grouse must have one wing attached for identification and aging.

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MOUNTAIN GROUSE (Franklin's, Blue, Ruffed)

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following counties shall be open to the hunting of Franklin's grouse, blue grouse, and ruffed grouse for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset on the dates shown for each county:

September 8 through November 25, 1979	Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Cascade, Carbon, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Glacier, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Phillips, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, and Wheatland counties.
Falconry Only Season September 1 through March 31, 1980	Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Cascade, Carbon, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Glacier, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Phillips, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, and Wheatland counties.

Note: Time to conform with shooting zones and sunrise-sunset schedules for the state as established by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures, National Parks, and the Flathead Indian Reservation. For hunting privileges on other Indian Reservations, inquire at the local Indian Agency Headquarters.

Limit: The daily limit shall be five (5) grouse per person in combination of single species. Possession limit shall be ten (10) after first day of the season. Falconers hunting during the falconry only season shall be allowed two (2) grouse daily per hunter; possession limit shall be four (4).

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana Residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. In addition to other license requirements, falconers hunting grouse must possess a valid Montana falconer's license.

Means of Taking: Franklin's, blue, and ruffed grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow, rifle, handgun, or with raptor by licensed falconer. All other means of taking prohibited. Field-dressed grouse must have one wing attached for identification and aging.

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Hungarian & Chukar Partridge

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following counties shall be open to the hunting of Hungarian and Chukar partridge for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset on the dates shown for each county. Sunrise-sunset times shall be in conformance with the sunrise-sunset schedule by zones adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

September 8 through December 2, 1979 — Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties east of the Continental Divide, Fergus, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark*, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum,Phillips, Pondera, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton**, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, and Yellowstone counties.

* The Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis & Clark County will be open to Hungarian and Chukar partridge hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season and then it will be closed to all hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

** A portion of Teton County in the Freezout Game Management Area will be open to Hungarian and Chukar partridge hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season and then it will be closed to all hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

September 22 through December 2, 1979 — Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Treasure, and Wibaux counties.

October 21 through November 25, 1979 — Those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying west of the Continental Divide, Flathead***Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, and Sanders counties.

*** A parcel of land and water east of Somers in Flathead County will be closed to upland game bird hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

September 8 through January 6, 1980 — That portion of Carbon County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Junction of State Route 72 and the Wyoming-Montana state line, thence northerly along said route to the junction of Route 72 and U.S. Highway 310 south of Bridger, thence northerly along U.S. Highway 310 to Edgar, thence east on the Edgar-Pryor Road to the Crow Reservation boundary, thence southerly and easterly along said boundary to the west shore of Bighorn Lake, thence southerly along said shore to the Wyoming-Montana state line, thence west along said state line to its junction with Route 72, the point of beginning.

Falconry Only Season September 1 through March 31, 1980 — Statewide, except Ravalli County which is closed to partridge hunting. See also Lewis & Clark*, Teton ** and Flathead*** counties above.

Areas Closed to Hunting: All State Game Preserves and National Parks.

Notice: National Wildlife Refuges and Indian Reservations are not closed to partridge hunting by the Montana Fish and Game Commission, however, portions of these refuges and reservations may be closed to trespass by the agency concerned. Hunters are asked to check with the Refuge Manager or tribal office before hunting on these lands.

Limit: The daily limit shall be six (6) partridge per person and the possession limit shall be twelve (12) partridge per person. Falconers hunting during the falconry only season shall be allowed two (2) partridge daily per hunter; possession limit shall be four (4).

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. In addition to other license requirements, falconers hunting partridge must possess a valid Montana falconer's license.

Means of Taking: Partridge may be taken with shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow, or with raptor by licensed falconer. All other means of taking prohibited. Field-dressed partridge must have one wing attached for identification and aging.

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PHEASANT

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following counties shall be open to the hunting of ringnecked pheasants for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset (except the first day which shall open at noon). Sunrise-sunset times shall be in conformance with the sunrise-sunset schedule by zones adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

1. Open, noon, October 21 to one-half hour after sunset, December 2, 1979: Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, those portions of Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties lying east of the Continental Divide, and Beaverhead counties and all counties lying east of these counties.

2. Open, noon, October 21 to one-half hour after sunset, November 25, 1979: Those portions of Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties lying west of the Continental Divide, Flathead*, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders counties.

   * A parcel of land and water east of Somers in Flathead County will be closed to upland game bird hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

3. Falconry Only Season: Open, noon, September 1 to one-half hour after sunset, March 31, 1980: Statewide Exception: See Flathead County* above.

Areas Closed to Hunting: All State Game Preserves and National Parks.

Notice: National Wildlife Refuges and Indian Reservations are not closed to pheasant hunting by the Montana Fish and Game Commission, however, portions of these refuges and reservations may be closed to trespass by the agency concerned. Hunters are asked to check with the Refuge Manager or tribal office before hunting on these lands.

Limit: The daily limit shall be three (3) cock pheasants and the possession limit shall be six (6) cock pheasants. Falconers hunting during the falconry only season shall be allowed two (2) either-sex pheasants daily per hunter; possession limit shall be four (4).

License: Must be in possession of the Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License, or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. In addition to other license requirements, falconers hunting pheasant must possess a valid Montana falconer's license.

Means of Taking: Pheasants may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow, or with raptor by licensed falconer. All other means of taking prohibited. Field-dressed pheasants must have one foot and one wing attached for identification and aging.

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